

Chapter 1

Adoption of Rules and Practices

HR1-1-101 Adoption, amendment, or suspension of House Rules.

- (1) The House of Representatives shall adopt House rules at the beginning of each legislative session by a constitutional two-thirds vote.
- (2) Except as provided in this Subsection (2) and in Subsection (3), after the initial adoption of House rules, additional rules may be adopted or existing rules may be suspended, amended, or repealed by a majority vote, except the following, which require a two-thirds vote to adopt, suspend, amend, or repeal:
 - (a) rules governing limitation of debate;
 - (b) rules governing a motion to end debate (call the previous question);
 - (c) rules governing motions for lifting tabled legislation from committee;
 - (d) rules governing consideration of legislation during the last three days of a session; and
 - (e) rules governing voting in Title 4, Chapter 7, Voting.
- (3)
 - (a) A rule that includes a voting requirement of more than a constitutional majority must be adopted and may only be amended, suspended, or repealed by a constitutional two-thirds vote of all representatives.
 - (b) If the suspension of any House rule is governed by the Utah Constitution or Utah statutes, the House may suspend that rule only as provided by that constitutional or statutory provision.

HR1-1-102 Constitutional motion.

At the beginning of each session of the House, before the reading of any piece of legislation, the House Rules Committee chair shall make the following motion:

"Mr. (Madam) Speaker, as allowed by the Utah Constitution and the Joint Rules of the Legislature, I move that the House continue its practice of reading only the short title of bills and resolutions as they are introduced or considered on a House calendar and not read the long title of the bills and resolutions unless a majority of the House directs the reading of the long title, short title, or both of any House or Senate bill or resolution."

HR1-1-103 Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure -- Reference.

In addition to House Rules and other applicable legislative rules, the presiding officer may use Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure as a reference when a question arises about parliamentary practice, legislative process, or legislative procedure that is not resolved by reference to legislative rules.